THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The installed capacity of the existing power plants in Northern Region, plant-wise and State-wise; is given in Annexure. (See Appendix CLXVI-64)

(b) The estimated energy requare-i.ic-i.L in each State in Northern Region during April, 1992-February, 1993 is given below:—

State/UT	Estimated Energy Requirement (Figs. in MU net)
Chandigarh	581
Delhi	9360
Haryana	10460
Himachal Pradesh	1397
Jammu & Kashmir	3305
Punjab	16960
Rajasthan	12987
Uttar Pradesh	29760
NORTHERN REGION	84810

(e) Vanious measures being taken to improve the availability of power in Northern Region include expedit ing commissioning of new generating japacity, implementation short gestation project, improving the perfor mance of existing power stations, reduction in T & D losses implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from suplus to deficit States. To generate additional power to meet the power requirements of Northern States, it is envisaged to add 9849.3 MW of capacity during the 8th Five Year Plan in the Northern Region including Cental Sector Projects

Plant load factor of State Electricity Boards

4057. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Plant Load Factor of various State Electricity Boards; and

(b)that steps have been taken by Government to improve the result of these Boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) During the period April—February, : the Pi ant Load Factor of thermal power stations of various State Electricity Boards was 53.6 per cent.

(b) Various measures being taken to increase the Plant Load Factor are Renovation and Modernisation of old units, assistance to Electricity Boards in undertaking Plant Betterment Programme, supply of requisite quantity and quality of coal; training of operation and Maintenance personnel; Productivity award scheme and scheme for efficient operation of thermal stations etc.